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SUBJ: CELEBRATION OF 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF UPPER

VOLTA'S INDEPENDENCE.

1. OUAGADOUGOU CELEBRATED THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
UPPER VOLTA'S INDEPENDENCE ON AUGUST 5 WITH A SIMPLE  
CEREMONY ON INDEPENDENCE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE PRESIDENCY.  
THE CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND MEMBERS  
OF HIS GOVERNMENT, THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, RELIGIOUS AND  
TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND SEVERAL MILITARY UNITS FROM  
THE OUAGADOUGOU GARRISON. THIS WAS THE OCCASION FOR  
THE GRANTING OF DECORATIONS TO SOME 80 CIVILIANS AND  
MILITARY FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES.

2. THE PREVIOUS EVENING, PRESIDENT LAMIZANA DELIVERED  
A SHORT SPEECH ON TELEVISION AND RADIO DURING WHICH  
HE PLEADED FOR UNITY AND FOR AN END TO TRIBALISM  
AND REGIONALISM. HE ALSO REFERRED TO "CERTAIN  
PESSIMISM" REGARDING THE HEALTH OF VOLTAN PUBLIC  
FINANCES AND ASSURED HIS LISTENERS THAT UPPER VOLTA  
WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WHATEVER IN MEETING ITS  
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS (IT WILL  
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BE RECALLED THAT FINANCE MINISTER SANFO WAS DISMISSED

TWO WEEKS AGO AFTER HE HAD GIVEN IMPRESSION DURING  
A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH  
UPPER VOLTA'S PUBLIC FINANCES).GRAHAM

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